

**RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**Department of Natural Resources**  
**Room 1060**  
**November 9, 2004**

Minutes

Member Present:

SOWARDS, Glade – Utah Energy Office  
KEENE, Michael – Office of Technology & Science  
HARTY, Kimm – Utah Geological Survey  
BRADWISCH, Bill – Division of Wildlife Resources  
CARLSON, Ron – School & Institutional Trust Lands  
REICHERT, Mike – DEQ/Division of Water Quality  
GUNNEL, Roy – Utah Department of Agriculture???

DANIELS, Ron – Division of Oil, Gas & Mining  
FROST, Kim – Department of Natural Resources  
KAPPE, Karl – Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands  
SCHLOTTHAUER, Bill – Division of Water Rights  
MILLIS, Eric – Division of Water Resources

Others Present:

WRIGHT, Carolyn – Department of Natural Resources  
LANDURETH, Brenda – Department of Natural Resources  
FROST, Kim – Department of Natural Resources

**I. Approval of Minutes**

Glade Sowards called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

**Corrections to the minutes:**

Karl Kappe made a motion to approve the October 12, 2004, minutes with a minor change and Bill Schlotthauer seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**II. Reports from Agencies on Any Anticipated Projects**

Kim Frost, DNR Administration, reported that the Draft Vernal Resource Management Plan should be completed by the end of the year. Kim Frost, Val Payne and John Harja are working with the Price RMP group meeting with the Price BLM & State BLM office in revising the mineral potential section of the plan. Please send Kim Frost comments as soon as possible. The 45-day comment period ends on November 30, 2004. Currently information regarding changes to the document is unknown.

Ron Daniels, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM), reported a decision on the division's request to change board responsibilities to the division. Any action will be postponed until the next legislative year.

Mike Reichert, Division of Water Quality, announced the Utah Non-point Source Management Planning group has organized a committee of agency representatives to work on an addendum with the DOGM, abandoned mines section. Steven F. Jensen, Salt

Lake County planner is the committee chair. The draft document will be reviewed by RDCC in January 2005.

Bill Schlotthauer, Division of Water Rights (DWRi), reported that the Legislative Task Force's recommended statutory revisions concerning the State Engineer will be forwarded to the Natural Resources Committee.

The Southern Nevada Water Authority Groundwater Development Project is considering several wells in eastern Clark, Lincoln and White Pine counties to provide water for continued growth in the Las Vegas area. A federally funded study is being initiated by the U.S. Geological Survey and the Desert Research Institute at University of Nevada - Reno. Clark County is anticipating continued growth. A model is available and USGS conducted a study in 1995. The project's water rights are being held in abeyance by the Nevada State Engineer for the next 2.5 years. There is pressure to lift the abeyance to allow the project to get started.

Lincoln County Lands Bill has passed in the U.S. Senate and is on the President's desk for signature. This bill mandates a 30-month study of the water resources of Snake Valley followed by a 60-day public review period. The Task Force recommended that the Division of Water Rights be the Utah representative for the study.

The study will determine the effects of the project and help to fairly divide resource. The part of the project entails drilling nine wells on the east slope of the Snake Range in Snake Valley (some within a mile of the Utah border) and piping the water to Las Vegas, Nevada. The project's total withdrawal will be approximately 180,000 ac.-ft. per year part of it will come out of both the regional carbonate and alluvial aquifers. Construction will begin in 2007 and move into White Pine County in 2009. Email Bill Schlotthauer if you have any comments that need to be addressed in this study.

Glade Sowards, Utah Energy Office, announced that Jeff Burks accepted a position with New Mexico Power and Light, and Mike Glenn recently resigned to work with the Department of Community Economic Development. Laura Lowe has a Ph.D. in resource economics from Utah State University and has been hired to conduct energy analysis. In addition to the Annual Coal Report, the UEO will release annual petroleum, natural gas and electricity reports one each quarter.

### **III. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:25 a.m. The next meeting will be held on December 14, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in room 1010. This is the Christmas Party meeting. Please bring refreshments to share with everyone.

Ideas for presentations and topics are welcomed. Please contact Carolyn Wright.

